



# Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



**Councilmember Norma Alvarez**

**November 10, 2011**

Dear Ocotillo District Neighbors,

As I continue to recover from my accident of three months ago, I will be available to take constituent phone calls at my home office, 623-934-0734 as of Monday, November 14.

During these few months, I have continued to fulfill my role as councilmember representing the Ocotillo District with the assistance of city management and council staff. I have also had the opportunity to participate in the council workshops and council meetings via conference call whenever possible.

I would like to thank every one for the continued support I have received during this difficult time. I look forward to continue my work with the community and accomplish the many goals that we have established together.

A special thanks to the entire staff at Advanced Health Care of Glendale, who have made my stay a pleasant and comfortable one during my recovery. They are very caring and treat everyone admitted during a transitional recovery with utmost respect.

Sincerely,

Norma S. Alvarez

**City Offices Will Close November 11, 24 and 25.** City of Glendale offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: Friday, Nov. 11, for the Veterans Day holiday, and Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. [Read more](#)



**Glendale Police to Hold Fund-Raiser Carwash for Fallen Officer's Family.**

Members of the Glendale Police Department will be holding a fund-raising carwash to benefit the family of Fallen Glendale Police Officer Bradley Jones. The event will take place this Friday, November 11, 2011, at the community park located at 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and West Bethany Home Rd, in Glendale. The event will run from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 pm. Officers and other police employees will be washing cars for a donation and will be serving lunch from 11 am – 2 pm or until the food is gone. T-shirts and vehicle decals will be available for purchase.

All donations collected will be given to Officer Bradley Jones' family. [Learn more.](#)

**Military Veterans Exhibit at Historic Sahuaro Ranch.** Last month, the Glendale Historical Society and the city's Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area opened a Veterans display with military uniforms, ranging from WWI to present day. Authentic memorabilia is part of the exhibit as well, including items dating back to the Civil War. Free tours of the display in the Ranch Guest House are available to the general public every Sunday 1-4 p.m. or group tours can be reserved by calling 623-435-0072

**Glendale Economic Development Team Garner's Award From State Commerce Authority.**

Recognizing the outstanding job retention work of Glendale's Economic Development Department, the Arizona Commerce Authority has awarded Glendale with an "Excellence in Economic Development Award." The honor was given Oct. 28 at the Governor's Small Business Statewide Development Conference in Oro Valley, Az.

Glendale received the award in the category of Metro Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) for building successful partnerships that helped create or retain 1,450 jobs during fiscal year 2010-2011. The city partnered with Glendale Community College, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, ASU West and the Small Business Development Center to create relationships with many of Glendale's existing companies, analyze the needs of each company and determine how the city and its partners could assist the businesses to grow in Glendale.

Some of Glendale's BRE program partners used as examples for the Commerce Authority award include: Bechtel, Total Transit, Coca-Cola, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, Schuck and Sons, Midwestern University and Southwest Ambulance. Each of these companies chose to expand and remain in Glendale.

The Arizona Commerce Authority's Excellence in Economic Development Awards Program focuses on outstanding community projects and recognizes extraordinary efforts that place

Arizona in the forefront of economic development. For more information on Glendale's Economic Development Department, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/economicdevelopment](http://www.glendaleaz.com/economicdevelopment) or call (623) 930-2983.

**Check Out a Laptop Computer at the Glendale Public Libraries.** The Glendale Public Library is now checking out laptop computers in addition to its wide selection of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

Available at all three library locations, the WiFi enabled computers are provided by a grant from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), and are available to library card holders for up to four hours of in-library use. The check out period may be extended for an additional four hours if there is no waiting list.

Patrons wishing to print documents they create on the laptops must bring along a flash drive, or plan to purchase one from the library for \$11.00. Currently there is no wireless printing.

To check out a laptop computer from Glendale Public Library, come to any of the three locations: Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.; the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue; or the Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Avenue.

Borrowers must present a current library card in good standing, along with an Arizona driver's license or a state-issued identification card, and they must read and sign a laptop loan agreement. For more information on checking out a laptop computer from Glendale Public Library, call 623-930-3530.

**Glendale Transportation Department Awarded Honors at Clean Air Campaign Event.** The city of Glendale was recently honored at Valley Metro's Clean Air Campaign Awards with two awards, the "Leadership Award" to Executive Director of Transportation Jamsheed Mehta, and the "MAG Livable Communities Award" for the city's new pedestrian/bike bridge at 63rd Avenue and Loop 101.

The annual Clean Air Campaign Awards are designed to recognize organizations, both public and private, that are making a difference in reducing single occupancy trips in the Valley. County officials claim that for every 46 miles traveled, one pound of pollution is emitted. For more information on the Clean Air Campaign Awards, visit [www.ValleyMetro.org](http://www.ValleyMetro.org). For additional information on Glendale's Transportation Department, [click here](#).

## Around Town

**Holiday Open House - November 12.** It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! At least in Historic Downtown Glendale where the season kicks off with the Annual Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12. Many shops will extend evening hours for this event. Shops in Glendale's Old Towne and Catlin Court districts will be glistening with all the holiday trimmings and enticing shoppers with specials to jump start the season of gift-giving. The shops will feature festive decorations, great gift selections, drawings, refreshments and more. [Read more.](#)



**Glendale Glitters Spectacular 2011 - Designated Official State Centennial Event.** What is synonymous with holiday fun on Thanksgiving weekend in the Valley of the Sun? Glendale Glitters! The stunning display of 1.5 million lights illuminate 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. To commemorate the state's centennial, Governor Jan Brewer will be the city's guest of honor for the opening night of Glendale Glitters on Friday, Nov. 25. [Read more.](#)

**City Recycling Cell Phones for Good Cause Through Nov. 30.** The city of Glendale is dialing in on a good cause with its annual cell phone recycling campaign. The campaign, which coincides with America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, benefits domestic violence victims. Through Nov. 30, the public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at any of following locations: Glendale's three public libraries, the Glendale Visitor Center in downtown Glendale, Gate 3 of Jobing.com Arena, located on the northwest corner of the building, and at Glendale Community College. [Read more](#)

**Glendale Public Library Offers e-Reader Workshop.** Glendale Public Library is offering a workshop to help potential e-reader buyers sort out the differences between five of the top-rated devices: the Sony Pocket Reader; the Barnes & Noble Nook; the Barnes & Noble Nook Color; the Amazon Kindle; and the Apple iPad. The next workshop is Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. [Read More.](#)

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